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1ST SESSION

H. R. 270

To require establishment of an Office of Territorial Affairs in each Executive department and each independent establishment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2005

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH OFFICE OF TER-**
4 **RITORIAL AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The head of each Executive de-
6 partment and of each independent establishment shall—

7 (1) establish an Office of Territorial Affairs;

8 and

9 (2) appoint a Director of the Office of Terri-
10 torial Affairs, who shall be the head of such office.

1 (b) FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR.—The Director shall
2 serve as the liaison to the territories with respect to imple-
3 mentation of the programs of the Executive department
4 or independent establishment.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
7 Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs of an
8 Executive department or independent establishment
9 appointed under this section.

10 (2) EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.—The term “Ex-
11 ecutive department” means each Executive depart-
12 ment listed in section 101 of title 5, United States
13 Code.

14 (3) INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENT.—The
15 term “independent establishment” has the meaning
16 that term has under section 104 of title 5, United
17 States Code,

18 (4) TERRITORIES.—The term “territories”
19 means Guam, the United States Virgin Islands,
20 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of North-
21 ern Mariana Islands.

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